

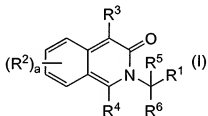
**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the entire Title on the cover page and the entire Title on page 1, line 1, of the specification with the following Title:

ISOQUINOLINE-3-ONE COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR TREATING CANCER  
AND INFLAMMATION.

Please replace the entire Abstract on the cover page with the following Abstract:

This invention is directed to methods of treating diseases or conditions associated with SGK activity in a mammal, wherein the methods comprise administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



wherein a, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are as described herein, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.